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TO MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE

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1. WITH OWEN STILL OUT OF TOUCH ON HOLIDAY, FCO
(MANSFIELD) HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ON REFTEL PARA 4
APPROACH.

2. THESE RESERVATIONS, WHICH ARE BEING DETAILED IN
FCO TELEGRAM TO UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON TODAY, MAY BE
SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A) CARVER'S VISIT ITSELF WILL MAKE MANY OF THE DESIRED
POINTS.

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B) CARVER WILL BE TALKING TO THE PRESS IN JOHANNESBURG
AND WILL PRESENT A NUMBER OF THESE POINTS AT THAT TIME.

C) REFTEL APPROACH WOULD BE OUTSIDE CARVER'S TERMS OF
REFERENCE.

D) SUCH A CONVOCATION WOULD BE LOGISTICALLY DIFFICULT,
AND APPEAR PRECIPITATE, AND COULD AROUSE PRESS SUS-
PICION AS TO US-UK MOTIVES.

E) MANSFIELD NOTED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS
AFTERNOON'S MEETING WOULD BE WITH CHISSANO, AND THAT
MEETING WITH MACHEL HAD NOT YET BEEN FIXED.

3. IN SUM, WHILE AGREEING WITH DESIRABILITY OF
APPROACHING MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE, FCO FEELS THE DETAILS
OF SUCH AN APPROACH COULD BEST BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED
DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE'S FORTHCOMING VISIT
TO LONDON.

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